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Los Angeles, CA 90044

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Identification Number: C00372599

Reference: Amended Statement of Organization, dated 4/8/02

Dear Ms. Austin:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of your Statement of Organization. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the Statement. An itemization follows:

-Your Statement of Organization indicates in Line 5(d) that you are a state committee for the Democratic Party. A state committee is defined as the organization which, by virtue of the bylaws of a political party, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of such political party at the state level, as determined by the Commission. 2 U.S.C. §431(15)

Please be advised that before using the contribution limits and/or statutes applicable for state parties, your committee must petition the Commission in the form of an advisory opinion to determine if it satisfies the criteria for state party status.

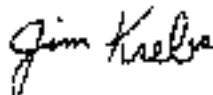
-Line 5(d) indicates that your committee is a state committee for the Democratic Party, however, on Line 6 you have identified the type of connected organization as a membership organization.

Please clarify your relationship, if any, with the California Democratic Party which appears to be an affiliated committee. For further guidance on the question of affiliation, please refer to 11 CFR §100.5(g) and §110.3. If your committee is

affiliated with the California Democratic Party you should not have listed any type of connected organization and should amend your Statement of Organization to clarify this discrepancy. In addition you should amend Line 6 to reflect the relationship as "affiliated".

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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